

Table– 2.4
Incidence of suicides categorised cause wise – 2012
(All–India)

Sl. No.	Cause of suicides	Number of suicides			% of male suicides to total	%share of each cause
		Male	Female	Total		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Bankruptcy or sudden change in economic status	2083	274	2357	88.4	2.0
2	Suspected/Illicit relation	512	506	1018	50.3	0.8
3	Cancellation/Non–Settlement of marriage	417	393	810	51.5	0.7
4	Not having children (Barrenness/Impotency)	172	433	605	28.4	0.5
5	Illness	16424	8692	25116	65.4	20.8
	(i) Aids/STD	397	128	525	75.6	0.4
	(ii) Cancer	408	179	587	69.5	0.5
	(iii) Paralysis	376	160	536	70.1	0.4
	(iv) Insanity/Mental illness	5156	2613	7769	66.4	6.4
	(v) Other Prolonged illness	10087	5612	15699	64.3	13.0
6	Death of dear person	427	392	819	52.1	0.7
7	Dowry dispute	41	1894	1935	2.1	1.6
8	Divorce	118	151	269	43.9	0.2
9	Drug abuse/addiction	3883	125	4008	96.9	3.3
10	Failure in examination	1162	1084	2246	51.7	1.9
11	Fall in social reputation	680	301	981	69.3	0.8
12	Family problems	19537	11255	30792	63.4	25.6
13	Ideological causes/hero worshipping	101	75	176	57.4	0.1
14	Illegitimate pregnancy	0	93	93	0.0	0.1
15	Love affairs	2023	1826	3849	52.6	3.2
16	Physical abuse (Rape Incest etc.)	87	194	281	31.0	0.2
17	Poverty	1804	487	2291	78.7	1.9
18	Professional/Career problem	835	96	931	89.7	0.8
19	Property dispute	927	289	1216	76.2	1.0
20	Unemployment	1471	260	1731	85.0	1.4
21	Causes not known	12769	5407	18176	70.3	15.1
22	Other causes	14300	6488	20788	68.8	17.3
Total		79773	40715	120488	66.2	100.0

Note: State of West Bengal did not provide data for the above classification for the year 2012.